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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 6, 2002.

We acknowledge the restriction of the Application into: Group I, including Claims 1 - 3 and 11 - 13; Group II, including Claims 4, 5 and 7 - 13; Group III, including Claim 6; Group IV, including Claim 14; Group V, including Claim 15; Group VI, including Claim 16; Group VII, including Claim 17; Group VIII, including Claim 18; Group IX, including Claim 18; Group X, including Claim 19; and Group XI, including Claim 19.

We hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, including Claims 1 - 3 and 11 - 13.

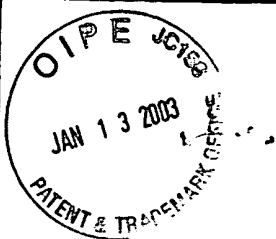
We respectfully request an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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